By the King.

FOraſmuch as the Kings Maieſtie, in his Princely diſpoſition to Iuſtice, hauing euer a ſpeciall care and regard to haue repreſſed the ſlaughters, ſpoyles, robberies, and other enormities which were ſo frequent and common vpon the Borders of theſe Realmes, and to haue reduced and ſettled the ſaid Borders vnto a perfect obedience, to the comfort of his Highneſſe peaceable Subiects: The courſe whereof hath bene heretofore impeded by the difference of the Borders, Engliſh and Scottiſh, till it hath now pleaſed Almighty God, in his great bleſſing to this whole Iſland, by his Maieſties lawfull ſucceſſion to the Imperiall Crowne of England, not onely to remoue this difference, but alſo to furniſh his Highneſſe with power and force ſufficient to proſecute that his Maieſties Royall and worthy reſolution, as his Highneſſe hath already begunne, entending that the bounds poſſeſt by thoſe rebellious people, being in fertilitie and all other benefits nothing inferiour to many of the beſt parts of the whole Ile, ſhall be no more the extremities, but the middle, and the Inhabitants thereof reduced to perfect obedience: Yet notwithſtanding, as his Maieſtie is enformed, certaine diſordered and wicked perſons of both Marches, Enemies to Peace, Iuſtice, and quietneſſe, pretending ignorance of his Maieſties reſolution for the vnion of the two Realmes, already ſettled in the hearts of all his good Subiects, and feeding themſelues with a ſiniſter conceit and opinion, that no ſuch vnion ſhould be eſtabliſhed and take effect, ſtill continue in all kinde of robbery and oppreſſion, whereunto they are encouraged by the receipt and harbour granted vnto them, their wiues, children, goods and geir in the Inland and peaceable parts of both the Realmes, highly to his Maieſties contempt, and fruſtrating of his Highneſſe Commiſſion graunted to the effect aforeſayd.

And therefore his Maieſtie for the better ſatisfaction of all his good Subiects, who may ſtand in any doubt of the ſayd Vnion, and to take away all pretence of excuſe from wicked and turbulent perſons, hath hereby thought good to publiſh and make knowen to all thoſe to whoſe knowledge theſe Preſents ſhall come, That as his Maieſtie hath found in the hearts of all the beſt diſpoſed Subiects of both the Realmes of all qualities, a meſt earneſt deſire, that the ſayd happy Vnion ſhould bee perfected, the memory of all preterite Diſcontentments aboliſhed, and the Inhabitants of both the Realmes to be the Subiects of one Kingdome: ſo his Highnes will with all conuenient diligence with the aduice of the Eſtates and Parliament of both the Kingdomes make the ſame to be perfited. And in the meane time till the ſayd Vnion be eſtabliſhed with the due ſolemnitie aforeſayd, his Maieſtie doth hereby repute, hold, and eſteeme, and commands all his Highnes Subiects to repute, hold, and eſteeme both the two Realmes as preſently vnited, and as one Realme and Kingdome, and the Subiects of both the Realmes as one people, brethren and members of one body: And in regard thereof, that euery one of them abſtaine and forbeare to commit any kinde of Robbery, Bloodſhed, or any other inſolence or diſorder, or to receiue and harbour the Perſons, Wiues, Children or Goods of the Fugitiues and Outlawes of either of the Realmes, but to conteine themſelues in peace and quietnes, and all ſuch dutifull behauiour as becommeth good and loyall Subiects, certifying all and euery perſon who ſhall doe, practiſe, or attempt any thing to the violating of theſe Preſents, that they ſhall incurre the puniſhment due to the ſayd Rebels, and that the ſame ſhall be executed againſt them with all rigor and extremity to the terror of others.

Giuen vnder our Signet at our Manour of Greenewich, the nineteenth of May 1603.

God ſaue the King.

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